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(c) a dispersed phase of polylactic acid, which is essentially free of said inorganic filler;

wherein said aliphatic polyester component accounts for a proportion of not less than 50% by weight of the material, and said polylactic acid is dispersed in the form of particles of diameter not more than 9 μm in said inorganic filler containing aliphatic polyester continuous phase and accounts for a proportion in the range of 5% to 45% by weight of the material.

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Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A formed article comprising a fastener component, said fastener component is made of a biodegradable resin material comprising:
a continuous phase of at least one aliphatic polyester selected from the group consisting of polybutylene succinate and polyethylene adipate: and
a dispersed phase of polylactic acid,
wherein said aliphatic polyester component accounts for a proportion of not less than 50% by weight of the material and said polylactic acid is dispersed in the form of particles in said aliphatic polyester wherein the diameter of the particles of said polylactic acid is not more than 9 μm and accounts for a proportion in the range of 5% to 45% by weight of the material.

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Please cancel claim 13.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.